

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-16 are presently pending. Claims 4 and 12 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from the combination of Bolyn in view of Mills. Claims 3-8 and 12-16 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Assignee appreciates Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

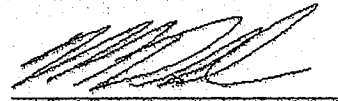
Assignee has amended claims 1 and 9 to include the subject matter of claims 4 and 12, respectively. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests allowance for claims 1 and 9, and dependent claims 2, 3, 5-8, 10, 11, and 13-16.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee submits that each of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Examiner is requested to pass this case to issuance.

It is believed that all monies for the actions described herein are provided with this correspondence. To the extent that additional monies are required for any of the actions requested in the correspondence, Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees and credit any overpayments to deposit account 13-0017.

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